



## Why recycle?

Most items made of paper, cardboard, glass, steel, aluminum, and many plastics **can be RECYCLED – or USED AGAIN in a different form – instead of being thrown away.**

**By recycling,** we preserve natural resources and save energy we normally use to manufacture items from virgin materials.

**By recycling,** we also generate less pollution and disposal costs by cutting down the amount of trash that needs to be landfilled or incinerated.

How do I get started?

## It's easy!

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Look at the items you are putting in the trash.

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Compare these items to a listing of materials that your local county or municipality accepts for recycling.

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Start accumulating/- segregating the recyclables.

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Ensure that the recyclables get recycled.

Where can I recycle?

### At Home –



Most jurisdictions provide curbside service for recycling glass, paper, cans, and plastic bottles. Jurisdictions also have drop-off sites or centers for these items.

### At the office –



At work, many employers and/or building managers are providing recycling bins (either at your desk area or on your floor) for your use. In addition, as a result of Executive Order 13101, your office or program should also have a **recycling coordinator** that you can contact.

## What Do the 3 Chasing Arrows Mean?



Each arrow represents **one step in the three-step process that completes the recycling loop.**

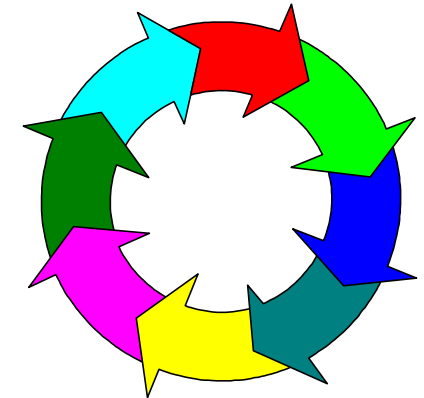
- The first step is **collection**. This is when you put your recyclable materials into your curbside recycling bin or take them to a local drop-off center. The collected materials are sold to a manufacturing facility.
- The **manufacturing process** is the second arrow in the recycling symbol. The recyclable materials are converted into new products and shipped to stores across the country to be placed on shelves as new consumer goods.
- The third step is where you, the consumer, **purchase products made with recycled content**. When you "Buy Recycled," you complete the recycling loop, or "close the loop".

The chasing arrows symbol, by itself, can mean that a product or package is recyclable, contains recycled materials, or both. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Environmental Marketing Guides require marketers to qualify whether the product or package is recycled content or recyclable.



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